ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes April 4, 2012

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. in the first floor conference room. Members present: Lee Cole, Ward 2 and Chairperson; Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford, Ward 7; Ollie Lester, Addie McBryde Center; Jan Hawthorne, MS School for the Blind; Captain Johnny MacDonald, Jackson Fire Dept.; Roy Granger, MS Industries for the Blind; Antonio Wright, MACE; Christy Dunaway, LIFE & Ward 1; Karen Robinson (member), Theo Letman, JATRAN General Manager; Dewayne Cheatham, JATRAN Director of Operations; Evelyn Pittman, Jackson Transit Services; Leon Jefferson, Monica Joiner, Office of City Attorney; John Chaplain.

Call to Order

Chairperson, Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Members and guest introduced themselves. The March 7th minutes were read by Christy Dunaway. It was Motioned by Jan Hawthorne and seconded by Scott Crawford, that the minutes be adopted with the following corrections: consultation on the Fortification Project, emailed the exact wording of taxi cab resolution which has to be in the minutes, the Fire Dept. was present to address concerns, and the corrected minutes will be issued. The motion carried.

Updates

Lee Cole and Ollie Lester attended the Taxi Cab hearing called by the Council's Transportation Committee on Thursday, March 22, 2012 regarding the rate increase of \$1.00. Ms. Cole presented the letter from the ADA Advisory Council and spoke as a private cab user. An attorney stated that cab companies were not mandated by the ADA to accommodate wheelchair users. Clarification was sent by Dr. Crawford to the Councilman.

Sam Gleese reported the Council approved the cab increase which is \$3.00 upon entry and \$3.00 per mile or \$.30 per tenth of a mile. The cab drivers have to have sensitivity training through the convention Bureau. The Disability Amendment was not included but will come before council at the April meeting.

The newspaper reported that Veteran's Cab has added a 2nd lift vehicle to its fleet. A letter will be drafted and sent to The Clarian-Ledger and the 3 TV Stations regarding the deaths of the persons with a disability killed on Frontage Road near Captain D's.

Old Business

Antonio Wright observed the need for accessible parking for students with disabilities at one of the high schools in Jackson. Christy Dunaway stated that she would send one of her Independent Living Specialist to the school to address the issue.

Lee Cole asked for an update on the Transition Plan. Monica Joiner reported there is some discussion about implementing the items in the Transition Plan sent to the Dept. of Justice.

New Business

Lee Cole informed the Council that The Secretary of State brought an accessible voting machine to the National Federation of the Blind's State Convention that is used by other counties in Mississippi except for Hinds County. This machine has a keypad which is more useful than the screened touch pad. The gentleman is willing to speak to the ADA Advisory Council.

Christy Dunaway stated that the Journey of Hope, a cycling team will be in Jackson earlier this year. They will arrive on July 14, 2012. The activities for this event will be about the same. Lee Cole was re-elected president of the ADA Advisory Council.

The Council is seeking members to represent Wards 3 & 4, the hearing impaired and veterans.

Announcements

LIFE is sponsoring a health Fair on April 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m at the Jackson Medical Mall. MS Disability Mega Conference is June 21-22 at the Jackson Marriott.

ARC in the Air is May 12th at the Raymond Airport.

Connect One Conference is May 23-25 at the Jackson Convention Center.

MIB (Mississippi Industries for the Blind) Dedication of the Anne Farmer Crews Computer Training Lab is April 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the ADA Advisory Council is Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room of the Hood Building.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Ollie Lester from the Addie McBryde Center. These Minutes were approved at the May 2, 2012, monthly meeting.